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SUMMARY: FONOFF OFFICIALS STATE THAT GOJ CONTINUES TO SUPPORT PRESENCE TAIWAN IN ADB, BUT THAT GOJ POSITION " MORE DELICATE" THAN ONE YEAR AGO IN LIGHT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS NOW EXISTING WITH PRC. IN EMBASSY' S VIEW, IT APPARENT GOJ HOPES TO MAINTAIN ROC' S MEMBERSHIP IN ADB, BUT NOT LIKELY TO TAKE VERY POSITIVE MEASURES TO SUPPORT ROC. IF PROBLEM ARISES, JAPANESE WOULD PROBABLY COOPERATE IN PROCEDURAL EFFORT TO AVOID VOTE. IN RESPECT PRESENT ECAFE MEETING, FONOFF OFFICIALS HAVE GROWING FEELING THAT PRC MIGHT MAKE STATEMENT OF VIETS, BUT DO NOT THINK PRC WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL IN POSSIBLE ATTEMPT

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TO MOVE RESOLUTION ON ROC POSITION IN ADB. END SUMMARY.

1. E/ MIN MADE PRESENTATION OF USG VIEWS ON POSITION OF ROC IN ADB TO MIKANAGI, DIRECTOR- GENERAL, ECONOMIC COOPERATION BUREAU, FONOFF WHO HAD ONLY RECENTLY RETURNED TO TOKYO AFTER TOUR FOLLOWING BANGLADESH DONORS' MEETING. ALSO PRESENT WAS KAWAMURA, HEAD, INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION DIVISION OF BUREAU WHO IS WORKING LEVEL OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR GOJ PARTICIPATION IN ADB.

2. E/ MIN, AFTER RECALLING EXTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN EMBASSY AND FONOFF AND MINFINANCE OFFICIALS OF LAST YEAR, REVIEWED POINTS MADE IN REFTEL AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT USG COULD OBTAIN JAPANESE COOPERATION IN LIGHT ANY POSSIBLE MOVE MADE WITH INTENT OF EXPELLING ROC FROM ADB. IN RESPONSE, MIKANAGI SAID THAT GOJ CONTINUED TO BE IN FAVOR OF TAIWAN' S PRESENCE IN ADB. ALSO POINTED OUT THAT GOJ IN SOMEWHAT " MORE DELICATE POSITION" THAN IT HAD BEEN ONE YEAR AGO SINCE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS NOW EXISTED BETWEEN GOJ AND PRC.

3. IN EMBASSY' S VIEW, IT APPARENT GOJ HOPES TO MAINTAIN ROC' S MEMBERSHIP IN ADB, BUT NOT LIKELY TO TAKE VERY POSITIVE MEASURES TO SUPPORT ROC. IF PROBLEM ARISES, JAPANESE WOULD PROBABLY COOPERATE IN PROCEDURAL EFFORT TO AVOID VOTE.

4. TURNING TO ECAFE MEETING, MIKANAGI SAID HE HAD GROWING FEELING THAT PRC MIGHT MAKE REFERENCE TO PRESENCE OF TAIWAN IN ADB DURING DISCUSSION AGENDA ITEM EIGHT WHICH WOULD PROBABLY COME UP ON APRIL 16 OR 17. ON EVENING APRIL 12 HE HAD DISCUSSION WITH PERRY CHANG OF ADB WHO TOLD HIM OF CONVERSATION WITH MEMBER OF PRC DELEGATION. CHANG SAID HE FOUND PRC ATTITUDE TOWARD ROC PRESENCE IN ADB STRONGER THAN HE HAD THOUGHT. MIKANAGI SAID HE UNDERSTOOD PRESIDENT UNOUE AS WELL WAS BEGINNING TO BE CONCERNED THAT MATTER MIGHT BE RAISED DURING ECAFE MEETING. MIKANAGI WOULD BE MEETING WITH INOUE APRIL 14 AFTER LATTER' S ARRIVAL HERE AND WOULD BE DISCUSSING MATTER FURTHER.

5. DURING DISCUSSION OF WHAT ACTION PRC MIGHT TAKE DURING ECAFE MEETING, MIKANAGI AND KAWAMURA WERE INCLINED TO BELIEVE THAT PRC WOULD MOST LIKELY MAKE STATEMENT OF VIEWS. POSSIBLITY ALSO EXISTED THAT PRC, OR COUNTRY FAVORABLY INCLINED TOWARD IT, MIGHT MAKE MOVE TOWARD INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION ON MATTER. HOWEVER, THEY WERE INCLINED TO BELIEVE
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THAT THIS WOULD NOT BE SUCCESSFUL SINCE
ECAFÉ USUALLY EMPHASIZES CONSENSUS, AND PRC COULD NOT ACHIEVE
THIS.

6. MIKANAGI AND KAWAMURA MADE IT CLEAR THAT THEIR OBSERVATIONS

WERE NOT BASED ON ANY HARD INFORMATION. THEY EXPRESSED VIEW THAT
GOJ WOULD HOPE THAT MATTER WOULD NOT COME TO A VOTE.

7. IN RESPECT TO INFORMING GOJ GOVERNOR OF BANK OF USG VIEWS,
MIKANAGI SAID THAT SINCE MATTER WAS POLITICAL, MINFINANCE WOULD
BE GUIDED BY FONOFF. HE WOULD ENSURE THAT MINISTRY WAS BRIEFED.
HE ADDED THAT HE WOULD BE ON GOJ DELEGATION TO ADB MEETING.

8. US DEL TO ECAFÉ MEETING HAS BEEN ALERTED TO THIS REPORT AND
WILL FOLLOW MATTER CLOSELY.
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